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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 March 2007.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1 and 8-20 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1 and 8-20 (based on a provisional rejection) is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 10 March 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/238,639.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/22/07.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicants' arguments, see Remarks/Arguments, filed on March 22, 2007, with respect to the rejection of claims 1 and 8-18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nemirofsky et al (WO 94/03995) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration and in view of the new amendments to independent claims 1 and 13, a new ground(s) of rejection is made where claim 1 is rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-2 of U.S. Patent No. 6,725,460, and claim 13 is rejected in a similar manner over claims 45-46 of the same patent. Although this pending application is a Divisional of application 09/238,639 USPN 6,725,460, the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is proper since no restriction was required by the Examiner during the prosecution of the parent application.

Double Patenting

2. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting

ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

3. Claim 1 is rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-2 of U.S. Patent No. 6,725,460. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claim 1 and patented claims 1-2 are both directed to a delivery system for delivering contents... The claims differ in that claim 1 recites a remote monitoring unit configured to determine based on the received picture of the screen of said one of the terminal apparatuses whether any of the plurality of contents are displayed on the screen of said the one of the terminal apparatuses. The portion of the specification in USPN 6,725,460 that supports the recited remote monitoring unit that would anticipate claim 1 herein is found in col. 20, line 38 – col. 21, line 20 (also see col. 5, lines 39-50). Claim 1 cannot be considered patentably distinct over patented claims 1-2 when there is a specifically recited embodiment that would anticipate claim 1. Claim 1 cannot be considered patentably distinct over patented claims 1-2 when there is a specifically disclosed embodiment in USPN 6,725,460 that supports claims 1-2 and falls within the scope of claim 1 herein because it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the delivery system for delivering a plurality of contents of claims 1-2 by selecting a specifically disclosed embodiment that supports the claim. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because that embodiment is disclosed as having further advantageous features within claims 1-2.

4. Claim 13 is rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 45 and 46 (or similarly claims 1 and 2) of U.S. Patent No. 6,725,460. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claim 13 and claims 45-46 of USPN 6,725,460 are both directed to a delivery method for delivering contents... The claims differ in that claim 13 recites determining based on the received picture of the screen of said terminal apparatus, whether any of the plurality of contents are displayed on the terminal apparatus. The portion of the specification in USPN 6,725,460 that supports the recited determining based on the received picture of the screen of said terminal apparatus, whether any of the plurality of contents are displayed on the terminal apparatus that would anticipate claim 13 herein is found in col. 20, line 38 – col. 21, line 20 (also see col. 5, lines 39-50). Claim 13 cannot be considered patentably distinct over patented claims 45-46 when there is a specifically recited embodiment that would anticipate claim 13. Claim 13 cannot be considered patentably distinct over patented claims 45-46 when there is a specifically disclosed embodiment in USPN 6,725,460 that supports claims 45-46 and falls within the scope of claim 13 herein because it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the delivery system for delivering a plurality of contents of claims 45-46 by selecting a specifically disclosed embodiment that supports the claim. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because that embodiment is disclosed as having further advantageous features within claims 45-46.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

As for independent claims 1 and 13 and dependent claims 8-12 and 14-20, the prior art, alone or in combination, does not explicitly recite a system and method wherein one of the terminal apparatuses sends the center system a picture of a screen of said one of the terminal apparatuses on which the contents received from the center system is displayed including all the limitations as explicitly recited in the claims.

Conclusion

Applicants' amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael W. Hoye whose telephone number is **571-272-7346**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 5 PM.

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